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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY  
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. IC13-11-000]

COMMISSION INFORMATION COLLECTION ACTIVITIES (FERC-539);  
COMMENT REQUEST; EXTENSION

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 USC 3506(c)(2)(A), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is soliciting public comment on the currently approved information collection, FERC-539, Gas Pipeline Certificates: Import/Export Related.

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information are due [insert date that is 60 days after publication in the Federal Register].

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments (identified by Docket No. IC13-11-000) by either of the following methods:

- eFiling at Commission's Web Site: <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>
- Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission,  
Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

*Instructions:* All submissions must be formatted and filed in accordance with submission guidelines at: <http://www.ferc.gov/help/submission-guide.asp>. For user assistance contact FERC Online Support by e-mail at [ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov](mailto:ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov), or by phone at: (866) 208-3676 (toll-free), or (202) 502-8659 for TTY.

*Docket:* Users interested in receiving automatic notification of activity in this docket or in viewing/downloading comments and issuances in this docket may do so at

<http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/docs-filing.asp>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** Ellen Brown may be reached by e-mail at [DataClearance@FERC.gov](mailto:DataClearance@FERC.gov), telephone at (202) 502-8663, and fax at (202) 273-0873.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Gas Pipeline Certificates: Import/Export Related

*OMB Control No.:* 1902-0062

*Type of Request:* Three-year extension of the FERC-539 information collection requirements with no changes to the current reporting requirements.

*Abstract:* Section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA)<sup>1</sup> provides, in part, that “....no person shall export any natural gas from the United States to a foreign country or import any natural gas from a foreign country without first having secured an order from the Commission authorizing it to do so.” The 1992 amendments to Section 3 of the NGA concern importation or exportation from/to a nation which has a free trade agreement with the United States and requires that such importation or exportation: (1) shall be deemed to be a “first sale” (i.e. not a sale for a resale) and (2) shall be deemed to be consistent with the public interest. Applications for such importation or exportation should be granted without modification or delay.

*Type of Respondents:* Facilities proposing to import or export natural gas

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<sup>1</sup> 15 USC 717-717w

*Estimate of Annual Burden*<sup>2</sup>: The Commission estimates the total Public Reporting Burden for this information collection as:

<b>FERC-539: Gas Pipeline Certificates: Import/Export Related</b>				
<b>Number of Respondents (A)</b>	<b>Number of Responses Per Respondent (B)</b>	<b>Total Number of Responses (A)x(B)=(C)</b>	<b>Average Burden Hours per Response (D)</b>	<b>Estimated Total Annual Burden (C)x(D)</b>
7	1	7	12	84

The total estimated annual cost burden to respondents is \$5,880[84 hours \* \$70/hour<sup>3</sup> = \$5,880]

*Comments:* Comments are invited on: (1) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden and cost of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: February 19, 2013

Kimberly D. Bose,  
Secretary.

<sup>2</sup> The Commission defines burden as the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. For further explanation of what is included in the information collection burden, reference 5 Code of Federal Regulations 1320.3.

<sup>3</sup> Average salary (per hour) plus benefits per full-time equivalent employee

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